The schedule of meetings of other Zonal Councils and their Standing Committees and the convenience of the State Governments are considered while fixing meeting of a Zonal Council.

(d) Constant efforts are made to hold regular meetings of Zonal Councils and their Standing Committees. The agenda items for the meetings are broad-based and State Governments/U.T. Administrations/Central Ministries are given full opportunity to suggest items for inclusion in the agenda. Detailed agenda notes containing views and suggestions of other States/concerned Central Ministry/other organisations on the items are also circulated to all concerned. The Councils make recommendations on various issues after detailed deliberations which are taken up with the State Governments/Central Ministries for implementation the progress of which is also reviewed by the Standing Committee/Zonal Council at its next meeting.

Bogus certificates for granting of Freedom fighters' pension

972. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article 'Funds for frauds' appearing in 'Probe" of July, 1986;

(b) if so, how many crores of rupees have been pilferred away by those who submitted bogus certificates;

(c) what are the names of those persons who have availed freedom fighters' pension by foul methods in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu;

(d) what action has been initiated against such culprits; and

(e) what steps are being taken to find out whether the beneficiaries are the real freedom fighters in view of the serious charges made?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) A statement is annexed.

Statement

Every effort is made to sanction pension to genuine freedom fighters after proper verification and careful scrutiny of the documents submitted by the freedom fighters. The verification is generally done by the State Governments, who verify the authenticity of documents/certificates with reference to available records and/or through local inquiry. However, where complaints are received such complaints are promptly referred to the concerned State Government for verification. In doubtful cases, where the complaint appears prima-facie genuine, the pension sanctioned is suspended and show cause notice is issued to the pensioner. Such cases are finally reviewed on the basis of explanation received from the freedom fighters and the verification reports of the State Governments. In case the pensioner is found to have furnished false information the pension is cancelled and the State Government concerned is advised to recover the wrongly drawn amount of pension. Till now, more than 8000 cases have been suspended and more than 2500 cancelled.

Generally, certificates issued by eligible certifiers are accepted as good if there is no complaint of indiscriminate certification by such certifier. If any complaint is received against any certifier, it is got verified. If, on inquiry, it is found that the certifier has given certificates to such persons who had not taken part in the freedom struggle, the certificates issued by such certificates are not realised upon in future.

The review of sanctioned cases is a continued process. All suspension cases are not however, bogus cases. Some of the cases suspended are on account of persons having an income

above the prescribed ceiling or because of their participation in movements not recognised by Government. In the former case pensions, if otherwise admissible, were restored after income ceiling was removed in 1980.

It has also been decided that a freedom fighter certifying in the underground suffering of another freedom fighter should have the same area of activity which is usually a district as it existed before independence.

Prevention against leakage of radiation/atomic dust

973. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any preventive measures against possibility of leakage of radiation/atomic dust from various atomic reactors in the country so as to check the incidents like the one which recently took place at Chernobyl in the Soviet Union;

(b) whether Government propose to educate the public living in the vicinity of atomic power plants regarding the steps they should take in such an unlikely event so as to minimise the danger of radioactive contamination; and

(c) whether Government propose to undertake manufacture of anti-nuclear weaponry or create a positive world opinion in this direction on the pattern of disarmament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government is constantly reviewing the safety measures at nuclear power stations and, based on expert technical advice, the design and operating practices at these stations are constantly improved to ensure that leakage of radiation/atomic dust from various atomic reactors in the country do not take place. Nuclear power plants in India are different in design from the Chernobyl plant in the Soviet Union.

(b) Adequate dessimination of information about nuclear technology, inbuilt safety features in Indian Nuclear instalations and steps taken for radiation protection are constantly undertaken by the Department of Atomic Energy through literature, adiovisuals, lectures etc.

(c) The policy of Government has always been to work towards nuclear disarmament.

Computers in CBI office

974. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under its consideration to install computers in the office of the Central Bureau of Investigation to make their functioning more effective and also to prepare dossiers on public servants; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is a proposal to install a computer in the Central Bureau of Investigation. The details of records to be computerised are being worked out.

Generation of Nuclear power in the country

975. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of nuclear power being generated in the country and what is its proportion to the total power being generated at present and